



# Litter Picks

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

*Welcome to Litter Picks, a look at litter prevention news in the Commonwealth and across the nation. We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related to litter prevention and awareness. Had a successful clean up event? Recognized companies or citizens for their clean up efforts? Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at [gscoe@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:gscoe@deq.virginia.gov).*

### Litter Premiums on their Way!

The Virginia Council for Litter Prevention and Recycling has notified DEQ that the 2005 litter premiums are being shipped. If you placed an order for the premiums, start looking for your order to arrive soon. This year's premiums are: white litter bags (353,780), lanyards (41,146), pencils (119,444), notebooks (81,020) and air fresheners (48,495). Where possible and practical, the premiums carry the litter campaign icon/logo and/or the campaign slogan, "Litter. It Just Isn't Natural." The premiums were ordered using funding approved by the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board last year.

If you have questions about your order, or about the availability of the premiums, please contact Gloria Puffinburger ([gpuffinb@co.frederick.va.us](mailto:gpuffinb@co.frederick.va.us)) or Rosemary Byrne ([rb Byrne@aol.com](mailto:rb Byrne@aol.com)).

### Hillsville Cleanup Day Challenge

Mayor Randall Gravley issued a challenge to the leaders of the four districts of the town for the scheduled May 14 litter pickup event. Given a two-hour time frame, which district could pick up the most trash and litter? The winner was Bill Tate's Sulphur Springs district, with 60 bags of trash collected. In all, 153 bags of trash/litter weighing 2,560 pounds were collected by the 37 volunteers participating in the event. Door prizes donated by local businesses were given away, and each participant received a T-shirt and a car litter bag.

### Web Links of interest:

- <http://www.bedfordva.gov/online/docs/mcode/ch020.shtml#sec20-35>
- [http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/enved/Rec\\_Lessons/litter.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/enved/Rec_Lessons/litter.htm)

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### Litter in the News!

Clarke County, Virginia, was recently successful in banning a "serial litterer" from the county. The West Virginia citizen had been convicted of littering four times since October of 2000. After his third conviction, he was fined \$2,500, ordered to perform 300 hours of community service, and given a one-year suspended jail sentence. Six months later he was again caught littering, and was faced with a reinstatement of his suspended jail sentence. Instead, the man was banished from the county for two years, and if he violates the court order, will go to jail for these offenses.

Citizens along Route 7 and Route 340 in Clarke County had repeatedly found trash bags in the median near their homes. Although junk mail in the bags had had the address labels removed, some pieces of trash had information that was used to track down the culprit.

### Fund Board Meeting – June 1, 2005

The next scheduled meeting of the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board is Wednesday, June 1, at DEQ's Central Office location, 629 E. Main Street, Richmond. Items on the agenda include an update on the 2005 Spring Statewide Litter Campaign by VDOT, a report on the Litter Training Seminar held in Charlottesville, a report on the "Litter. It Just Isn't Natural" campaign reviews, and a report on the expected status of grant funding for FY 2006. The meeting will begin at 10:30 AM in the first floor conference room at DEQ, and is scheduled to end at 12:30 PM. Visitors are welcome.

### Remember Grant Applications Deadlines!

The grant application packet for FY 2006 programs was placed on DEQ's web site on May 2, 2005. The application is due to DEQ by June 30, 2005, while the Performance and Accounting Reports are due to DEQ by August 31, 2005. Late applications or late P&A Reports will disqualify localities seeking grants. The grant application packet is in the PDF format, so you will need to print it in order to complete the application. Please note that the signatory requirement for the application has been clarified.

### Henry County Cleanup – Trash Busters

Participants in the Henry County Earth Day event on April 22 endured stormy weather and still collected 15 bags of litter and trash, one fifty-gallon drum, several tires, a bicycle, a fan and a refrigerator in four hours. The Trash Buster weekend was manned by 180 volunteers working over 100 hours and resulted in the pickup of 542 bags of trash and litter.